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In application of : **Confirmation No. 3478**  
Hiroshi HAMASAKA et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2002\_0034A  
Serial No. 10/046,512 : Group Art Unit 2621  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.312**

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Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.312, please amend the above-identified application as follows.